“The leaders of our society have never been generals or kings but Rishis. When you are a Rishi, you become a blessing to mankind. This is Rishihood.”

- Swami Vivekananda
2000 years ago, India was the global seat of higher learning. Universities like Takshashila not just attracted learners from all over the world but also created some of the finest leadership and scholarship in human history, including leaders like Chanakya and Chandragupta, and knowledge systems like Ayurveda and Arthashastra. The hallmark of such education was the emphasis on achieving one’s full potential.

Swami Vivekananda called this vision “Rishihood” - the state of being a Rishi.

Swami Vivekananda is the philosophical mentor to Rishihood University. A philosopher, mentor and guide beyond par, his ideas motivate us to conceive a paradigm of education where we prepare ‘Rishis’ – individuals who become a blessing to mankind through their thoughts and actions.

At Rishihood University, explore and immerse yourself in a journey towards achieving excellence and be part of an impact-driven ecosystem.
message from THE CHANCELLOR

Nations are built over centuries. Similarly, institutions are built over decades. India’s role in a 21st-century world is that of immense responsibility and it is our duty to align the objectives of our institutions to the larger vision of the nation.

Rishhood University is founded on the principles of social impact & development. As an institution, our focus is on high impact areas such as entrepreneurship, healthcare, creativity, education, and leadership.

India’s spiritual wisdom provides solutions to many of the pressing problems of today such as sustainability, mental health, global peace, and harmony. As the name signifies, our objective is to inspire the students, faculty, and the community to ‘Rishhood’, the state of being a Rishi. Passionate and conscious individuals can create prosperous and harmonious societies.

I am delighted to support this mission as the founding Chancellor and invite you to join hands towards this cause.

Suresh Prabhhu
Former Cabinet Minister, Government of India
Founder and Chancellor, Rishhood University

our vision FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

2020-2030
ORGANISATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT
• A new learning model created for the world
• Rishhood team builds a culture of excellence
• We ignite the spirit of social impact in the community

2030-2040
WIDE ACCEPTANCE
• Rishhood becomes synonymous with great education nationally
• Alumni start achieving top-level success in their professions

2040-2050
INSTITUTION OF IMPACT
• We become an institutional benchmark for India
• Our large-scale impact is visible in the society
• Our alumni become role models for the younger generation

2050-2060
MAGNET FOR EXCELLENCE
• Rishhood attracts the best people in the world to pursue their passion
• We become a de-facto home for social impact, innovation, and learning

2060-2080
GLOBAL INFLUENCER
• We achieve global recognition and admiration
• Rishhood becomes a fountainhead and participates in leading global discourse

2080-2100
MACRO-MICRO IMPACT
• This leads to an evolution in humankind’s pursuits at large
• Achieving ‘Rishhood’ becomes an aspiration for people and communities
learning
FRAMEWORK

Our learning framework is a fluid design. The purpose of learning at Rishhood is defined through its vision and every programme helps fulfill that.

Perceive

Discover

Immerse

Refine

Our learning framework stems from a liberal education. It is easy to understand with each level leading to the next one. The pedagogy is defined by the process of holistic and experiential learning and we follow the 20:30:50 rule. 20% of learning happens by hearing (lecture-based learning), 30% by seeing (visual impact) and the remaining 50% by doing (experiential learning). This unique learning experience requires you to engage with all senses of the body and takes you from a system of dependent memory to a system of independent thinking and problem-solving.

Our courses are designed to enable you to go out in the world and make a difference.

academic
PATHWAYS

The world is multidimensional in nature. You are expected to work through diverse fields and find solutions that are applicable to every situation. The learning framework at Rishhood University allows you to meander across different disciplines and choose what is best for you. You can study Product Design as a major and combine it with Law or choose Psychology and take Media as a minor; the choice lies with you.

Craft an academic journey that is reflective of you.
School of Creativity

In a world that is increasingly being dominated by automation and machine learning, one domain that will always need human visioning and execution is Creativity. The School of Creativity helps you realize your creative nature and utilize it for a professional and societal impact. You will go through focused training, interdisciplinary inquiry, and practice-based collaborative learning. The pedagogy is reflective of your passions, and will prepare you to create a more just, more beautiful, and a better-designed world.

Degrees Offered:
- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Visual Arts
- Master of Design

School of Education

Educators of today build the leaders of tomorrow. Our ancient centers of excellence like Takshashila and Nalanda moulded the leaders of yesteryears. The School of Education is focused on creating ambassadors of change for tomorrow. You will contribute to the process of creating an evolutionary education system, perceptive and encouraging of the qualitative and quantitative facets of its learners.

Degrees Offered:
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

School of Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial thinking are indispensable to any economy. With the emerging competitive and dynamic business scenario, the thrust on the ability to look at problems through a holistic and interdisciplinary approach is even greater. You may choose to be a job creator or a reflective corporate leader. The programmes offered by the School of Entrepreneurship equip you to possess the skills, knowledge, and confidence to develop, scale, and deliver innovative products and services to the nation.

Degrees Offered:
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration (Entrepreneurship)

School of Healthcare

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the crucial role that healthcare professionals play to prevent diseases and promote health. At the School of Healthcare, we strive to develop caring healthcare professionals who possess the knowledge and skills to deliver the most efficacious clinical and management services. We will help you unleash your potential and prepare you to be a next-generation healthcare leader.

Degrees Offered:
- Bachelor of Science +
- Master of Business Administration Healthcare (Integrated)
Rashtram School of Public Leadership

While leadership is popularly defined by external conquest of territory, wealth, or position, in the Indian context, inner conquest is the prerequisite of leadership. Rashtram School of Public Leadership is our humble attempt to create self-aware and civilizationally-assured public leaders of India. You will learn the three key domains of thought leadership (academia), community leadership (civil society) and political leadership (politics). You will be nourished by Indic knowledge traditions and systems of thought and will bring about a systemic transformation in India’s policy.

Degrees Offered:

• Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
• One-year Postgraduate Diploma
• Master of Arts
international

COLLABORATIONS FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Rishhood collaborates with like-minded institutions globally to foster education, research and transfer of knowledge for a sustainable future. These collaborations stimulate and facilitate mutually beneficial programs and contribute to increased international cooperation in teaching, learning & research. The nature of our international associations include faculty exchange, student exchange and student immersion programmes.

University for the Creative Arts, UK
Kangpokpi School, Denmark
Kangdong University, South Korea
Matsushita Institute of Government and Management, Japan
Embassy of Vietnam, Vietnam

career

PATHWAYS

As a Rishhood student, you have the facility to choose from a multitude of career opportunities. The Career Services office at the University works seamlessly to identify the right fitment for students across academia and professional services.

Healthcare Managers
Postgraduates
Consultants
Analysts
Entrepreneurs
Graphic Designers
Interior Architects
Sculptors

Civil Services
Corporate Psychologists
Therapists
Branding Specialists
Human Resource Managers
Investment Bankers
Public Leaders
Researchers

Product Evangelists
Advertisers
Product Designers
Fashion Designers
Artists
Retailers amongst others
and many more...

An indicative list of some of our recruiters includes:
Researcher’s Home

It is well-accepted that academic research has contributed enormously to find solutions to many problems faced by our society and industries. The need for sharing knowledge between research institutions and industry has become increasingly evident. In view of this, Rishihood University has established the Researcher’s Home on its campus. The Researcher’s Home provides opportunities to academicians and researchers from across the world to contribute to the research agenda of the University. Applicants can apply to conduct research in any area which will be evaluated by a review committee. International scholars who are working on research areas that focus on India, its culture, heritage and philosophy or areas that promote understanding of India will be given special preference. All participants will receive fellowships to cover boarding, lodging, office space, and other research facilities on the campus.

Center For Water

Rishihood is India’s first social-impact university. We strive to create an impact in the most urgent and pressing needs of the society. Water is perhaps one of the most important dimensions that need human attention for a sustainable future. The Center for Water is a pan-India research and training initiative where we work with social sector organizations, government, and individuals to prepare humanity for the emerging water challenges. The initiatives under the Center include the Jal Fellowship Programme where ‘Agents of Change’ work across the country in the areas of Water Management and conservation of water resources.

Incubation & Venture Funding

Funding is central to the survival and sustenance of any organization. Seed funding at the Rishihood University Incubation Center provides capital for the startups of our students. This support is provided by the University in the form of office space, facilities, and mentorship to help the start-up take off. At Rishihood, we promote an entrepreneurial mindset and support students from all areas of study to venture into the area of new business formation through incubation & funding.

conversations at RISHIHOOD

A residential campus like Rishihood provides ample opportunities for interaction with thinkers and leaders from diverse fields like business, media, public policy, sports, literature, law amongst others. Some of the prominent conversations at Rishihood include:

- **Kiran Bedi**  
  Former Lt. Governor  
  Publisher  
  (Late) Pranab Mukherjee  
  Former President of India

- **J Sai Deepak**  
  Advocate  
  Supreme Court of India

- **Amish Tripathi**  
  Author and Diplomat

- **Sarah Atkinson**  
  Former Head Academic Standards  
  University of the Arts London

- **Sridhar Vembu**  
  CEO  
  Zoho Corporation

- **Anuradha Paudwal**  
  Indian Playback Singer

- **Pratap Bose**  
  Chief Design Officer  
  Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd.

- **(Late) Saroj Khan**  
  Choreographer

- **Rajiv Sikka**  
  CEO  
  India-01 Adani Gas Ltd.

- **Ramash Poshkarvair**  
  Former Minister of Education Govt. of India
other

LEARNING INTERVENTIONS

Gap Year Programme

Strengthen your gap year with opportunities in exploration, leadership development, unlearning and learning through the 3-month Rishhood Gap Year Programme. This pre-college programme is unique and innovative in nature. The programme includes courses in Public Leadership, Creativity, Entrepreneurship, Education, Healthcare, Languages, Computer Science, Life Skills, Competency Mapping, College Prep amongst others. You will also be encouraged to pursue internships / live projects.

The programme is an ideal format to fulfill the requirements of a holistic gap year. You will be equipped with the tools, skills, and habits for self-reliant adulthood.

Summer School

Open doors to the broad horizons of knowledge with the Summer School at Rishhood University. The 1-week programme is ideal for middle and high students. The programme will offer you the opportunity to study and experience life in an interdisciplinary and liberal university, rooted in the Indian context. You can explore learning interventions from diverse areas of academic, social and cultural facets of life and improve your all-round profile.
executive and
LIFELONG LEARNING

Since 2015, Vision India Foundation (later Rashtriya School of Public Leadership at Rishhood University) has trained more than 2000 youth on leadership, public policy, governance, entrepreneurship and so on. We believe that learning is a lifelong process and should become a lifestyle. Through executive programs, we facilitate people from all across the world to experience Rishhood.

Features of Executive Programs at Rishhood

- Hybrid learning that includes on-campus, online, on-field and travel-based learning
- Top experts from academia and industry take the classes and mentor the learners
- Wide variety of programs ranging from leadership to entrepreneurship, from culture to philosophy, from governance to teacher education
- A large alumni network of like-minded people who are passionate for making a positive change

Policy BootCamp

Policy BootCamp (PBC) is a 16-day residential summer school focused on public policy, governance and leadership. It serves as a launchpad for aspiring public leaders, and policy enthusiasts who want to build a career in nation-building. Interact with the nation’s top policymakers, politicians, bureaucrats, and media personalities and learn first-hand from their experiences.

Public Policy Programme for Executives (P3E)

Public Policy Programme for Executives (P3E) is a 15-week immersive executive programme in public policy and governance specially curated for working professionals aspiring to become India’s future leaders. It equips delegates with a practitioner’s perspective, drawing from a curriculum that synthesises contemporary theoretical models of India’s cultural, social & economic matrix and facilitates proximity to bureaucrats and senior policy experts.

Sri Aurobindo -
The Rishi Of India's Renaissance

A Year-Long Course On His Life & Works | July 2021 - August 2022

Sri Aurobindo’s teachings transcend time and space. As we approach the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, on 15th August 2022, this 150-hour course reflects on his life & diverse works in the fields of politics, Indian civilisation & its renaissance, education, arts & literature, consciousness and evolution, Integral Yoga, Vedas and Upanishads among many others. It attempts to spread Sri Aurobindo’s knowledge for solving contemporary problems and attaining spiritual unity of mankind. This course gives you an insight on the thoughts of one of the greatest intellectuals to tread amongst us.

Good Governance Yatra

Good Governance Yatra is an 8-day immersive travel programme for future public leaders to acquaint themselves with model governance projects and interact with accomplished Public Policy functionaries in India. It is a unique opportunity for tomorrow’s leaders to peek into the finer workings of governmental institutions and gain inspiration from their Vision & Implementation model. The yatra aims to create ‘Samshith’ or the ‘Ambassadors of Governance’ to spread the word about the significance of and in some cases, the outstanding performance of governmental Institutions.
An Introduction To Swabhava & Swadharma

Indic Ways Of Knowing Yourself

This course empowers you with the tools, knowledge and ecosystem to break into the unexplored territories of your own being, gain wisdom about your deeper self and the wisdom to lead a more fulfilling life. Embark on a journey of transformation from friction to fluidity and from anxiety to stability.
life at RISHIHOOD

Living at a residential campus is an experience of a lifetime. Rishhood University provides a vibrant range of cultural, recreational and social activities for the students. With so many choices, students can learn new skills or engage in sports, discover talents which they never knew they had and make friendships that will create memories for a lifetime.

Infrastructure facilities include: Learning Spaces | Accommodation Spaces | Dining Services | Knowledge Resource Centre | Sports Complex and others

rishis of THE FUTURE

What do we look for in our students?

At Rishhood, our aim is to create impactful leaders of tomorrow. Through our fluid and interdisciplinary learning framework, you will experience transformation at multiple levels of individual and societal growth.

Some of the hallmarks of a Rishhood student include:

- Creative and lateral thinking
- Dedication
- Integrity
- Openness to change
- Collaborative skills
- Risk-taking ability
- Problem-solving ability
- Strength of character
- Ownership
admission PROCESS

The admission process at Rishhood University includes a holistic assessment of various facets of your personality. We are looking for the next generation of global leaders who can display a balance of quantitative and qualitative skills. You will be evaluated on the basis of your overall performance across our selection criteria.

Selection Criteria

- Past Academic Records
- RSAT / SAT / ACT (Undergraduate)
- RSAT / CAT / XAT / GMAT / CMAT / MAT / NMAT / CEED (Postgraduate)
- Statement of Purpose
- Academic and Extracurricular Achievements
- Personal Interview

Process

1. Online Application
2. Online Aptitude Test
3. Personal Interview

*Candidates applying through SAT / ACT (Undergraduate) and CAT / XAT / GMAT / CMAT / MAT (Postgraduate) may not be required to take the RSAT.

scholarships and FINANCIAL AID

At Rishhood, we believe that no deserving student should be deprived of education for lack of financial resources. To ensure this, we offer financial support to students on diverse grounds.

Scholarships are based on:

- Merit
- Financial need
- Sports / Extracurricular achievement
- Diversity (for women applicants)

**Haryana domicile students are eligible for fee concessions as per the state government regulations.**